



By the King.

## A Proclamation for the Adiournement of part of Trinitie Terme.



Orasmuch as the Infection of the Plague is at this present greatly increased, and dispersed, aswell in the Cities of London and Westminster, as also in the Suburbs thereof; The Kings most Excellent Maiesty, considering that great perill and danger might ensue to his Royall Person, the Queenes Maiestie, the honourable Ambassadors from sundry forreine Princes and States, the Lords and others of his Maiesties honourable Priue Counsell, the Nobles of this Realme, and the Knights, Citizens, and Burgessees of Parliament, and other his Maiesties louing Subiects, if the people of all sorts, and out of all parts of this Realme, should resort or continue together for their Suits and Causes this instant Terme, commonly called Trinitie Terme, hath therefore thought good, by the aduice of his Priue Counsell, and Iustices of his Courts at Westminster, to Adiourne part of the same Terme; That is to say, in, and from the second Returne of this instant Terme, commonly called Octabis Trinitatis, vntill the fourth Returne of the same Terme, commonly called, Tres Trinitatis, and that to be for such Causes onely, and for such intent and purpose, as hereafter is declared: And therefore his Maiesty doth hereby signifie and declare, that his Will and pleasure is, That writtes of Adiournement shall be directed to the Iustices of either Bench, and to the Judges of all other his Maiesties Courts, to whom like writtes haue been vsually directed; Giving them authority to Adiourne this instant Terme, in, and from Octabis Trinitatis next, vntill Tres Trinitatis then next following, And the sayd Adiournement to bee made the first day of the said Octabis Trinitatis, called the day of the Effoines.

And Whereas his Maiesty, considering in his Princely wisdom, what great prejudice might growe to many his good and louing Subiects, in their Causes and Suits, if this Terme should be wholly adiourned, hath therefore by the aduice of his sayd Counsell and Iustices, determined to haue some part thereof to be holden, and continued for some few dayes in the beginning and ending of the same, as is aforesayd; His highnesse most gracious intention in that behalfe is, That the same dayes, for which some part of this Terme is to be holden, shall be vsed onely for the better expediting, and continuing of Causes and Suits, and returning and suing out of Processe, and for such other like things, as may be performed & done in the absence of the parties by their Attourneys. And therefore, his Maiesty doth by this his Proclamation, signifie to all his louing Subiects, That his Will and pleasure is, That in, and from the sayd Octabis Trinitatis next, there shall not be any Trials by Iuries, or any Judgements vpon Demurrers, or speciall Verdicts, or such like, in any of his highnesse Courts, of Kings Bench, Common-Pleas, or Exchequer; And also that there shall not bee any iudiciall hearing or determining of any Causes or Matters in any of his Maiesties Courts of Starre-Chamber, Chancery, Exchequer Chamber, Court of Wards, Dutchy-Chamber, or Court of Requests, in, or from the said Octabis Trinitatis next, during the said Terme; And that no party shall neede to be present in person, for any such Causes or Suits, but the same may be attended and done by their Attourneys.

And his Maiestie doth hereby further notifie and declare, That no party shalbe compelled, or need to appeare in person, in any of his Maiesties said Courts, in or from the said Octabis Trinitatis next, at any time during this said Terme, but may make their appearance by their Attorneys, saving onely in Cases of Outlawry, and other the Cases mentioned in the Prouiso hereafter following; And also that no Juries, or any whom the same may concerne, shall be compelled, or need to appeare in any of his Highnesse Courts at Westminster, in or from the said Octabis Trinitatis next, at any time during the said Terme, for any cause or matter whatsoever, vntlesse it bee for some speciall and important cause for his Maiesties seruice onely. Provided neuerthelesse, and his Maiesties pleasure and Commandment is, That all Collectors, Receiuers, Sheriffes, and other Accomptants, & all other persons that should, or ought to accompt or pay any summe or summes of money in any of his Maiesties Court of Exchequer, Court of Wards and Liuries, or of his Duchy of Lancaster, or in any of them, or enter into any accompt in any of the said Courts, shall repaire to the accustomed places at Westminster, and there to pay and doe in euery behalfe, as though no such Proclamation or Adournement had beene had or made.

And his Maiesties further pleasure and commandment is, That all Sheriffes shall Returne into his Maiesties Court of Exchequer, Court of Wards and Liuries, and Duchy of Lancaster, all manner of Writs and Procces issued out of the same Courts, and Returnable this Terme, which in any sort concerne his Maiesties Reuenues, Debts, or Dutties, at or before the dayes of Returnes thereof, into such Offices from whence the said Writs and Proccesse did issue; And that all Commissioners likewise Returne all manner of Commissions and Inquisitions Returnable this Terme, and from the said Courts sent, whereby his Maiestie is to receiue profit and commodity: And all Sheriffes, Collectors, and all manner of Accomptants, and euery person that is to pay any kind of debt or duty vnto the Kings Maiestie in any of the said Courts, doe either by themselves, their Deputies or Attorneys, pay the same in such sort as they ought to haue done, if no such Proclamation or Adournement had beene made, or els to sustaine such dammage of issues, seizure, fine, amercement and penalty to be imposed vpon them as hath beene accustomed, without any hope to be discharged thereof. And that all Sheriffes, by themselves or their sufficient Deputies, shall giue their attendance at the day appointed for their opposall in the Court of Exchequer, to answer their Returnes before his sayd Barons, as hath beene heretofore accustomed. And if any default shall be made by any of the persons aforesayd, That then, in respect of the Kings present necessary and extraordinary charges, Sargeants at Armes, and Pursuiuants shall be sent to bring them vp, to answer their contempt and slackenesse in payment.

Giuen at the Court at White-Hall the eighteenth day of Iune, in the first yeere of his Maiesties Raigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God saue the King.



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